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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT THIEU'S OCTOBER 31 TV SPEECH TO THE NATION

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1. PRESIDENT THIEU SPOKE TO THE NATION ON TELEVISION FOR 45 MINUTES PM OCTOBER 31, THE EVE OF NATIONAL DAY. THIEU ADDRESSED BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC THEMES. REVIEWING COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, PRESIDENT THIEU SAID "IN FACT, THERE HAS BEEN NO CEASEFIRE AND NO PEACE, AND RAGING WAR MIGHT RECUR. THE HOPES OF OUR ENTIRE PEOPLE AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD, WHICH WERE UNBOUNDED A YEAR AGO, HAVE NOW BECOME BITTER DESPAIR. THE PROSPECT FOR A FINE, LASTING, AND STABLE PEACE HAVE GRADUALLY BECOME MORE DISTANT AND POSSIBLY MAY VANISH." HE CHARGED THE COMMUNISTS ARE STALLING IN THE BI-LATERAL NEGOTIATION AT LA CELLE ST. CLOUD, WHILE PREPARING FOR "A NEW GENERAL OFFENSIVE IN 1974."

2. PRESIDENT THIEU ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT "IN THE DAYS AHEAD THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT WILL DEVOTE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENTING THE MOST

URGENT, PRIORITY PROGRAM FOR ACCELERATING FOOD PRODUCTION TO ACHIEVE
THE MINIMUM GOAL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD." HE ALSO PROMISED
THE "FIRST PHASE OF A VIGOROUS AND FAR-REACHING ADMINISTRATIVE
REVOLUTION" WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

3. FBIS IS TRANSMITTING FULL TEXT, SEE REFERENCES.
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